

NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW 2010 AND THE EXHIBITS.

This was to be the last year that I acted as Exhibits Chairman for the show and the exhibits were very slow coming in after the prospectus and entry form were announced as being available. As the deadline approached for submitting exhibits, we did not have enough to satisfy the APS requirement of 125 frames in competition at all WSP shows. However, a few stalwart ATA members rallied round and at the very last minute, we managed to mount 130 frames – a very close thing!

There were a number of exhibits with a theme related to Biology and the Unit Award this year was a certificate for a one year membership in the Unit. There were also a number of other awards and these are detailed at the end of the exhibit listing.

<i>The Donkey in Man's World</i> by Robert J. Mather	Gold
<i>Coconuts</i> by Phillip J. Stager	Gold
<i>"Microcosmos": The World of Insects</i> by Alan J. Hanks	Gold
<i>"Horsing Around"</i> by Robert Henak	Silver
<i>Exploring the Evolution of Plants from Phytoplankton</i>	
<i>To Orchids</i> by Christopher Dahle	Silver-Bronze
<i>Pineapples</i> by Phillip J. Stager (single frame)	Gold
<i>Black Beauty & Friends</i> by Austin John Hines (youth)	Silver
<i>Flowers</i> by Sindhu Koromogiri (youth)	Bronze

The Reserve Grand went to *Coconuts* and the One-Frame Grand went to *Pineapples*, both by Phil Stager, who also took the Biology Unit award; the ATA Chapter V Incentive Award went to Christopher Dahle for his *Phytoplankton*; the AAPE Creativity Medal went to Robert Henak's *"Horsing Around"*; the American Philatelic Congress award went to *Coconuts*; the APS Research Medal to *"Microcosmos"*. The Jury consisted of David W. McNamee (chair), Douglas N. Clark, Thomas M. Fortunato, Alfredo Frolich and Tony Wawrukiewicz.

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NEW MEMBER

1805 Alexander Maslov from Moscow 119048, Russia Collecting interest – 8

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We received the following charity request forwarded by the ATA Central Office:

I am an Indian doctor practicing in a mission hospital. I am a beginner in philately and wish to collect Fauna and Flora on stamps (mint and used) from the whole world. My name and address are:

Dr. Sisha Liz Abraham, Cheeran House (PO) Chowannur, Via Kunnankulam, Trichur Dt. Kerala, India
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Hopefully there are some members with duplicates who could oblige Dr. Abraham.

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